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Farm-Aid, Duxbury-Style:

Penny Harvest to Raise Money for Children's Room at New Library Facility

A year-long series of events designed to raise \$10,000 toward the children's reading room in the new Duxbury Library facility and to teach children the concepts of numbers and saving has begun.

Called "A Penny Harvest," children are being challenged to raise one million pennies. A "Million Penny Parade" is one of various events still to come for the Penny Harvest. The parade will stretch between the sites of the current and future libraries -- children will take turns stamping a long tape which will stretch across the field between the 2 libraries, to gain a visual perspective of one million pennies.

Classroom curriculum to support the teaching portion of the Penny Harvest is developed by Corinne Woodworth and co-chairmen Liz Scandone and Jan Schwartz. All 3 are putting their combined teaching expertise to use by designing classroom curricula that teach children facts about currency and coins in the U.S. These materials will be available to teachers in the fall.

Adults willing to help with the Penny Harvest should call Corinne at 837-7926.

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Penny Harvest Project Under Way

As part of the fundraising efforts for the Duxbury Free Library, area children are being challenged to raise one million pennies toward the addition of a children's room at the new library facility. Called a "Penny Harvest," the project was created by Corinne Woodworth, a former school teacher, in order to help children get involved in, and feel a part of, the new Duxbury Free Library. The project will consist of a year long series of events designed to raise \$10,000 toward the children's reading room and to teach children the concepts of numbers and saving.

The first event in the year-long Penny Harvest was held at the Chandler School. Children received a milk carton along with directions to make a flower pot bank to hold their harvest. Once the cartons are filled, the children can take their pennies to the library. Children in the Duxbury Elementary School received bags in which to collect pennies in the 2nd harvesting event. Pre-school children and private school students are invited to harvest their pennies as well and to place them in the "Penny Bank" at Duxbury Free Library.

Other plans include a Million Penny Parade that will stretch between the sites of the current and future libraries. Children will take turns stamping a long tape which will stretch across the fields between the 2 libraries in order to gain a visual perspective of one million pennies.

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Children who donate their spare pennies will be issued a stock certificate to commemorate their contribution. Adults willing to help with the penny harvest should call Corinne Woodworth at 837-7926.

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